



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 2

Meeting Date: June 7, 2006

Meeting Location: Porter Co. DCS Office Valparaiso, IN.,

Council Members Present: Charlotte Richey, Terrance Ciboch, Claudia Clark, Linda Gray, Judge Mary Harper, Larry Harris, Sharon Mathew, Judge Michael Shurn, Eileen Walters, Linda Rugg

Council Members Absent: Judge Jeryl Leach,

Others In Attendance: Ron Fisher, Laurel Myers, Jon Rutkowski, Jackie Agee (White's Family Services), Kristy Fletcher (Family Focus), James Shively (CWS Coordinator)

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Meeting Called to Order at: Regional Services Council meeting was called to order by Charlotte Richey at 5:35 P.M. (CST)/6:35 P.M. (EST)

1. It was noted that 9 council members were present to constitute a quorum for the meeting.
2. May meeting minutes were reviewed. No corrections noted, motion to pass minutes as written by Claudia Clark and seconded by Sharon Mathew. Motion passed, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.
3. Community Partners for Child Safety program:
 - a. AdHoc Committee has had two meetings and in the first meeting Eileen Walters was elected Chairperson of this committee.
 - b. Eileen reports that the committee is going to develop a questionnaire to be sent out to DCS staff regarding top reasons for voluntary service cases. Questionnaire will be sent out and responses will be collected by Pat Streffling so that at the next meeting we will have an idea of the most critical service/prevention needs for Dunebrook to focus on. Funding is limited so there is concern that areas needing services will receive what they need. There is a question as to where are these referrals going to come from for this process and is there going to be a screening mechanism developed. Vanderburg County is ready to go with their

Community Partners program. They have a service provider in place and their choice for point of contact is DCS, however confidentiality is still a concern.

c. Diana Dibkey, Executive Director for the LaPorte County Child Abuse Prevention Council/Dunebrook, has had no contact with us since our last meeting. Eileen Walters and Charlotte Richey will schedule a meeting with Dunebrook. Concerns being, where Dunebrook is with program development and what ideas they may have. Jim Shively interjected a comment that Dunebrook is not going to cover Region #3.

d. Jim Shively had conversation concerning financial and contract end with Dunebrook. At this point in time all Community Partners programs will be on an actual cost basis. Focus will be on dollars and what tasks Region #2 has identified as priorities to be performed. Dunebrook is eager to move ahead with some of these issues and as soon as the subcommittee is ready they would like to start working with them. This will remain a standing agenda item.

e. Current IV-B contracts are wrapping up June 30, 2006. There will be one more set of transfers, this should happen near the end of June. The last transfer will move money regardless of county of origin to areas of need. Evaluations done by DCS staff will be made available as quickly as possible. There are no anticipated problems foreseen in the closing out process.

2006-2008 Contracts: It does not appear that contracts will be fully completed by the 1st of July. Anticipation is that contracts and vouchers will be in place by the end of July. A providers meeting is scheduled for the 27th of June (Porter Co DCS 1:30 pm) to give them accurate and timely information. Providers are gearing up and there should not be any provider service gaps. A summary of all contracts submitted was made available, and is a quick reference guide detailing where monies has been made available to each service. All contracts are going to be State wide in terms of County access. The only difference being, if you did not have allocations for a particular contract in place the payment would come from County funds. DSA is preparing a detailed summary guide book being developed for all FCM's and line workers to use. Plans for the fall agenda include a provider fair, with contracted providers, where FCM's can come and go through out the day to talk about referrals.

f. Intensive Family training will continue until August. Providers will be asked to rework their budgets and their payment points. In the beginning there were no guide lines in place for charges. Target date to have programs in place and ready for action is October.

g A rough draft of Service Standards: **Sex Offender Specific Treatment** was passed out for review and discussion. Comment was made on a sex abuser program only lasting six (6) months. Minimum for such a program is usually eighteen (18) months. Eileen Walters had an issue with a statement under "*Billable Units*" Section C; making the report available to family members, should read, reports should automatically be given to family members. Charlotte Richey

raised debate on the words “*voluntary service referral*” on Page 2, Section F. Funding for this service was the primary concern. Comments and concerns will be submitted to Central Office in Indianapolis for the draft of Service Standards to be rewritten and submitted back to the counties. Charlotte Richey asked for a motion to send this down to Programs and Services along with comments to Indianapolis to draw up a revised service standard. Motion was made by Claudia Clark and seconded by Eileen Walter. Motion passed, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

4. Miscellaneous

a. Staffing new FCM positions posted:

1. 8 for Porter County
2. 1 for Pulaski County
3. 1 for Starke County

Porter County will have three (3) additional positions available at the end of the summer. This will bring the Region very close to the 12/17 standard.

b. County budgets are due to Central Office by July 10th. RSC meeting is scheduled for July 12th and each County Director will give a brief presentation so that all are familiar as a group on each county’s fiscal situation.

c. Child Welfare Services are working on a draft for usage of monies in 2007. This is still in draft form. Money will be allocated to County’s with the possibility of some funding available to the Region.

No Community or member comments submitted for this meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: June 12, 2006 in Rensselaer Indiana at the Public Library (Jasper Co.,) at 5:30 P.M. (CST)/6:30 P.M. (EST).

Meeting Adjourned at: 6:21 P.M. (CST)/7:21 P.M. (EST).